

# Hope Academy of West Michigan Board of Directors

## Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

**Mission:** *Hope Academy of West Michigan is a safe place for students to grow and achieve academic success.*

**Date:** February 28, 2022

**Time:** 7:00 AM

**Place:** Hope Academy of West Michigan  
240 Brown St SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** *Barth Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m.*
  - A. **Board Members Present.** Barth Roberts, Dennis Cuson, Barbara Foster, Todd Medendorp and Dr. Bernard Ayoola.
  - B. **Board Members Absent (with prior notice).** Peter Kladder.
  - C. **Others Present.** Dr. Heidi Cate, Superintendent; Leslie Cummings, Executive Director of School Business; Dr. Michele Siderman, FSU Representative; Teriena Schwartz, Principal; Deborah Schuitema, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Amanda Shyne, Recording Secretary; Debra Salguero, Family Engagement Coordinator; Elisa DeMaar, Interventionist; Gloria Cassleman (left at 8:04 a.m.), Teacher; EreK Kooyman, Amplify GR Representative (joined at 7:03 a.m.); Shelley Stambaugh, Teacher (joined at 8:23 a.m. and left at 9:04 a.m.); Kristine Stewart, Teacher (joined at 8:26 a.m.) and Byron Salguero and his daughters; public attendees.
- II. **Public Comment\* (limited to agenda items only).** *None.*
- III. **Approval of Agenda.** *A motion to add the reappointment of Barth Roberts to the Board of Directors for a ~~three-year~~ four-year term and approve the agenda was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barb Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. **Consent Calendar**
  - A. Approval of January 24th, 2022 Proposed Regular Minutes. *A motion to approve the January 24, 2022 Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Dennis Cuson and supported by Dr. Bernard Ayoola. The motion passed unanimously.*
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. New Member Needed. *Hope Academy of West Michigan's Board of Directors currently has an opening for one additional member.*
- VI. **New Business**
  - A. Reappointment of Barth Roberts. *A motion to approve the reappointment of Barth Roberts to the Board of Directors for another three-year term was made by Todd Medendorp and supported by Barbara Foster. The motion passed unanimously.*

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*The Committee arrived at the recommendation to split off 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades from the current building after exhausting all other options. The high school grades would be served under the same charter and board at a different location and busing for students would be provided. This change would allow the Academy to better serve students. Parents have been asked to submit enrollment packages by March 18<sup>th</sup> to determine the interest in offering the high school at a new location.*

2. Building Space Committee Report. *None.*
3. Academic Planning Committee Report. *None.*

J. FSU-CSO Updates &/or Report–Dr. Michele Siderman. *Dr. Siderman asked the Board to review the February and March Ferris Board Communication.*

**VII. Correspondence.** *Results of the January QPR audit was received, there were no findings.*

**VIII. Extended Public Comment\* (limited to non-agenda items only).** *Byron Salguero expressed concerns and barriers on behalf of current families regarding the recommendation of the Visionary Planning Committee to serve 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students at a different location. Many families would like to ensure their students are served within walking distance of their home and current school.*

**IX. Reconfirmation of Next Regular Meeting Date**

March 28, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.  
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**X. Adjournment.** *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Bernard Ayoola and supported by Barb Foster. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.*

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*Individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors under Items II and IX above are requested to sign in with the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Individual comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes each and a total time allowance not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner.*

*Complaints or concerns regarding Board members or school employees associated with the Academy shall first be addressed in writing and delivered to the Board President at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting or such complaints or concerns shall not be heard by the Board. The Board will not verbally respond to public comments but may follow up in the most appropriate and time-effective manner. (Source: Board Policy 0167.3)*

*Proposed minutes of this meeting will be available for public inspection at the Hope Academy of West Michigan/Integrity Educational Services Central office at 3300 36th Street, SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512, eight (8) business days after the meeting. Approved minutes are available within five (5) business days after the meeting at which they are approved (in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267.)*

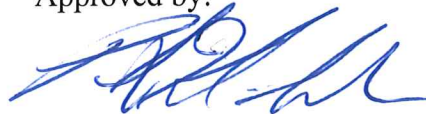
Submitted by:



Amanda Shyne  
Recording Secretary

Date: 2/28/2022

Approved by:



Peter Kladder  
Board Secretary

Date: 3/28/2022